

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 9, 2012
MEETING NOTES

Present: Ron MacNab, David Magill, Mark Pharaoh, Clara Pribluda, Jerilyn Ray-Shelley, Chris Richardson, George Schlapo, Sean Thomas Smith, George Tarrico, James Zepp.

Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Jeff Bourne [Rec], Christine Brett [Parks], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], Mike Riley [Parks], Robin Riley [Rec], Mark Geibig [CUPF], Tanya Schmieler [Parks]

Absent: Mary Bradford [Parks], Paul Lofgren [Mid County Board Rep], Vivien Hsueh [Commission on Aging], MCPS Rep, Kamran Rasul [Commission on Disabilities],

Guests: Ron Shulman, Brooke Farquhar [Parks], John Hench [Park & Planning], Diane Green, Carol Ann Barth [Civic Federation Parks Comm], Emmanuel Akinshola [East County Regional Recreation Advisory Board]

Chair Report – George Tarrico

- 12-5-11 Meeting Notes were unanimously approved.

Rec Update – Gabe Albornoz

- 1-7-12 -- Groundbreaking ceremony for renovation at Plum Gar Community Recreation Center. Will deliver in summer, 2013 with double the square footage.
- CIP update – picture is worse than originally thought. Montgomery County's debt service, if it were a department, would have the third largest budget. Montgomery County Council has the ultimate authority as to what projects are in or out.
- 2-9-12 – all day staff training by LERN. Preliminary meeting with LERN indicates the training will extremely worthwhile. Via partnering with municipalities, will experience savings.
- U.S. Olympic Dive Team will be practicing in July at Shriver Aquatic Center. Two RMSC swimmers have qualified for the Olympic trials.

Robin Riley:

- Basketball underway
 - 740 teams for the next 10 weeks
 - Futsol [indoor soccer] tournaments will take place for the next 10 weeks involving 300 players

- After School – Excel Beyond the Bell Program
 - Partnering with the Montgomery County Collaboration Council Friends of Recreation Children, Youth, and Families
 - Argyle Middle School – 400 students
 - Clemente Middle School – 442 students
 - Loiederman Middle School – 500 students
- Montgomery County Recreation Camp Guide is out and registration opens January 17.

PROS Plan Presentation – Brooke Farquhar

- PROS Plan is updated every five years to remain eligible for Open Space Funds
- A hard copy of the slide presentation was distributed
- Comments were requested by 1-13-12

Parks Update – Mike Riley

- Capital budget was submitted in November
 - 1-18-12 – the County Executive will make his recommendations
 - the desire is to issue less debt
- Operating budget will be submitted 1-18-12
 - Represents potential service reductions
- Committed to resurrecting the Montgomery Parks Foundation
 - Del. Tom Hucker has joined the Foundation board
 - Working on a corporate sponsorship policy
- Enterprise Fund – Christine Brett
 - Numbers are steady
 - 2100 ice skating students
 - Wheaton Tennis open three years
 - Holiday Tournament brought in \$2,000
 - Parks Camp Catalog is out

Local Boards Update

- Down County – will meet tomorrow
- Eastern – will meet with East County Citizens Advisory Board
 - Praisner Community Recreation Center wants to do Taste of Burtonsville
 - Breakfast with Santa – huge success...attendees spilled out of the room
 - 1-23 – Heath Joseph Basketball Tournament – 10th anniversary
- Mid County – no report

Old/New Business

- Restructure of Board[s]
 - David Magill's letter was a good start toward an initiative to streamlining
 - Mr. Magill summarized his draft in these areas:
 - Size
 - Representation
 - Meetings
 - Half will be together
 - Half will be regional in diverse locations, but all on the same evenings
 - Regional boards will go away
 - Include Parks formally
 - Capture essence of Countywide and Regional processes
 - Broad ranging discussion ensued
 - Mr. Magill will draft a memo to County Executive. Will be shared with Board first.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm